

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 6-27 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-27 are pending in this application. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Sorrell during the telephone interview on October 22, 2003, are appreciated. The reasons presented as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the telephone interview. As discussed during the interview, the applied references fail to teach or suggest the features recited in the claims.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,469,796 to Leiman in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,404,772 to Beach. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Beach for Leiman, either alone or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests a second transmitting and receiving section that transmits and receives at least two of print data, scan data, and fax data wirelessly to and from a mobile information terminal apparatus that stores data to be handled by the image input and output apparatus in performing image input or output, as recited in independent claim 1, and as agreed to during the interview.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over Leiman and Beach. Further, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5 are patentable at least in view of the patentability of claim 1 from which they depend, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Leiman and Beach is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that new independent claims 7 and 17 are patentable over the references of record, including Leiman and Beach. Further, it is respectfully submitted

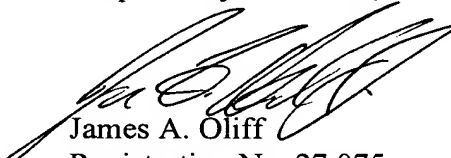
that new claims 8-16 and 18-27 are patentable at least in view of the patentability of claims 7 and 17 from which they depend, respectively, as well as for the additional features they recite.

It is also respectfully submitted that new claim 6 is patentable at least in view of the patentability of claim 1 from which it depends, as well as for the additional features it recites.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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